

Remarks

Please cancel claims 1-2, 4, and 6-9 without prejudice. Claim 5 is amended herein. The pending claims are claims 3, 5, and 10-14.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 2, 2003, the Examiner requested election between the following groups of claims.

- I. Claim 1, drawn to an expression vector.
- II. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 11-14, drawn to an isolated polypeptide.
- III. Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, drawn to an antibody.
- IV. Claim 7, drawn to a method of obtaining a polypeptide.

Applicant elects without traverse Group II, claims 3, 5, and 11-14.

If there are any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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